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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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The Office Action mailed February 25, 2005 rejected claims 1-9, 11-15, 17-19 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oles (6,047,130), Kato (5,369,736) and Dawson (5,179,638). Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oles (6,047,130) in view of Dawson, Kato and Kurashige (5,282,262). Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oberg (5,870,771) in view of Oles, Kato and Dawson.

In view of the arguments below, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

The Section 103 Rejections

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the claims over Oles, Kato and Dawson. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection since Oles and Dawson, singly or in combination, cannot render the invention obvious.

Claim 1 recites the following invention:

A method of generating a frame prototype image showing a picture image framed within a frame, the method comprising: